Administrative vacancies in A and N Islands

147. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of administrative vacancies are still existing in Andaman and Nicobar Islands in all categories;

(b) if so, since when and the reasons for not filling up such vacancies; and

(c) the present strength of officers/staff and whether Government proposes to increase the number thereof for the speedy development of A and N Islands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Posts are vacant from different dates. Some of the reasons for non filling up of the posts *inter-alia* include non-availability of ST candidates, non-availability of suitable candidates against technical posts, non clearance from UPSC, non revival of posts affected by ban orders etc.

(c) Existing sanctioned strength is given below:

(i) Group "A"	—	601
(ii) Group "B"	—	2427
(iii) Group "C"	—	12472
(iv) Group "D"	—	8539
Total:	—	24039

Additional posts are created as and when justified.

Lack of police manpower and skills to deal with terrorism

148. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has admitted that 30 per cent of the manpower in the police neither has the knowledge nor the skills to deal with the threats faced from Maoist and terrorist organisations;

(b) if so, whether not a single subinspector has been recruited in Bihar and Jharkhand in the last 14 years;

(c) whether this admission by the Ministry has come a day after around 300 Maoists carried out an audacious jailbreak in Dantewada district of Chhattisgarh; and

(d) if so, the measures and steps to help these States in meeting the Maoists challenge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) This Ministry has made no such statement. Matters regarding State police forces, including their recruitment and training, are dealt with by the concerned State Governments, and the position varies from State to State.

Law and order being a State subject, dealing with the various aspects/issues related to naxalite activities in a State primarily lie in the domain of the concerned State Government.

Concerned State Governments take necessary action to deal with naxalite activities. The Central Government supplements their efforts and resources by **a** variety of measures that include deployment of Central paramilitary forces which work under the control of the State Government concerned, sanctioning of India Reserve battalions, assistance for strengthening